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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 20 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1997/767)*

Western Sahara*

Iraq (S/1997/774 and S/1997/779)

Other matters

* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development [99] (A/52/39, A/52/112, A/52/114-E/1997/46, A/52/115-E/1997/47, A/52/318, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/51/636-E/1996/104, A/51/655-E/1996/105)

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/52/431, A/52/413)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/52/400, A/52/402, A/52/413)

Introduction and general discussion

2 p.m.- 3 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 5

[Ms. Inge Kaul, Director of the Office of Development Studies of UNDP, will give a briefing on "Development financing: Some new perspectives".]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [105] (A/52/3, A/52/38/Rev.1, A/52/337, A/52/352, A/52/326, A/52/356, A/52/355, A/52/408, A/52/300, A/52/116-S/1997/317, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106] (A/52/281, A/52/113-E/1997/18, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [120] (A/51/11 and Corr.1)

Introduction and general discussion

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

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Briefing

THIRD COMMITTEE

There will be an executive briefing and dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Nitin Desai, on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 20 October 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: item 108)

9 a.m.-9.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

AFRICAN GROUP: COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATURES

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on macroeconomic policy questions: items 95 (a), (d) and (c))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the General Assembly draft resolution on the implementaiton of the outcome of the World Social Summit on Monday, 20 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 21 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10h meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 5th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 96, 101, 115 and 126 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP. 1, 2 and 3 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Mr. James Gustave Speth, Chairman, United Nations Development Group, will give a briefing on "United Nations Operational Activities in the 21st Century" on Wednesday, 22 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*. All interested members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

There will be a (DESA/UNCTAD/UNDP) panel-format briefing on the theme "Eradication of Poverty" (co-sponsored with the Third Committee) on Friday, 24 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing will be moderated by Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. The panelists invited are Mr. Richard Jolly, Special Adviser to the Administrator, UNDP, and Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz, Chief, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Unit, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

The provisional list of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in those subsidiary organs is available in the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee (S-2700G)

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The resumed substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The agenda and related documentation for the session will be as follows: Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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The 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: 963-2320 or 5973; fax No.: 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open beginning 29 October until 3 November 1997.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be an open meeting of all delegations regarding co-sponsorship of the draft resolution of the First Committee on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will give all delegations the opportunity to be among the original co-sponsors of the draft resolution. It is intended that the draft resolution be presented to the Secretariat on behalf of all co-sponsors by the close of business on 21 October. Information packages on the Conference in Ottawa (2-4 December) will also be available at the meeting.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Division for the Advancement of Women on the preparation of an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, at 1.15 pm in Conference Room 7. All delegations and other interested persons are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A Seminar on Accounting for Sustainable Development, organized by the Macroeconomics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Wednesday, 22 October 1997, at 11 a.m. in MD Conference Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Peter Bartelmus, Chief of the Environment, Energy and Industrial Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division. All interested members of delegations and United Nations staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Kemal Dervis, Vice-President, Middle East and North America Regional Office (World Bank), on Thursday, 23 October 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, representatives of the press and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 17 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

34th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation [22]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/299 and Add.1 and 2)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.1)*

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Monaco, Romania, Tunisia, Viet Nam, Haiti, Belgium, Senegal, the Niger, Benin, Cameroon, Mauri- tania and Vanuatu.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, the observer for the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.1 (resolution 52/2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 22.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/305) [46]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 46.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, the Philippines, Colombia, Iraq and Chile.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 32nd plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the agenda for its next plenary meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 October, in the morning, was as follows:

1. Address by the President of the Republic of Mozambique
2. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [item 7]
3. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [item 16 (b)]
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System [item 25]
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [item 31]
6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of the Arab States [item 33]
7. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [item 42]
8. Observer status for the Andean Community in the General Assembly [item 158].

The Assembly was also informed that two agenda items, originally scheduled for Wednesday, 22 October, in the morning, would be considered as follows: agenda item 34 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization) on Tuesday, 20 November; and agenda item 40 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) on Tuesday, 25 November.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 7th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of Brunei Darussalam, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Nepal, the Marshall Islands, Ukraine and Haiti.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 8th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [84]

The general debate on agenda item 84 was concluded with statements by the representatives of Uruguay (also on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay,

as well as Bolivia and Chile)), Thailand (also on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam)), Mongolia, Peru, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Slovakia, China, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The delegations of Slovakia, Brazil, Indonesia and Kazakhstan became co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.2.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, China and Brazil.

Following a revision made by the representative of Germany, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A statement in explanation of his position was made by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

Organization of work

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to hear the briefing made by the Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, on behalf of the Chairman of the Special Committee, on the informal consultations held regarding draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.4.

A statement was made by the representative of China.

The Chairman reminded members that action on all the decolonization items will be on Monday, 27 October 1997, as well as drew attention to A/C.4/52/L.7 which would be issued the following week which would indicate the voting procedure on the draft proposals on that day.

SECOND COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee began consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Economic Affairs Officer from the New York Office of UNCTAD.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Ghana, Brazil, India, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Ukraine, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of UNESCO also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, the Russian Federation, Singapore (on behalf of ASEAN), Saudi Arabia, Australia, Pakistan, Malaysia, Argentina, India, Iraq, Bolivia, Ukraine, Kuwait, Viet Nam, Belarus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guatemala, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development responded to points raised during the discussion.

Right of reply

The representatives of Iraq and Kuwait made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the item.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 10th meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, San Marino, Kyrgyzstan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Lebanon and Mongolia.

The representatives of the United States and Cuba also spoke.

The Chairman also spoke on the organization of work.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 10 December 1982

Ratification: Benin (16 October 1997)*

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28 July 1994

Participation: Benin (16 October 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Food Day

A special ceremony to mark World Food Day 1997 under the theme "Investing in Food Security" will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, at 12 noon at the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by H.E. Sr. Manuel Tello (Mexico), Acting President of the fifty-second Session of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuska, President of the Economic and Social Council; and H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The keynote speaker will be H.E. Mr. René Préval, President of Haiti.

All delegations, members of the Secretariat, the media and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend and to be seated by 11.55 a.m.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from 21 to 24 October 1997. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with repre- sentatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters, and other information materials.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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